

The RCC Weekly

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From Career Services

Irina Galatskaya, Director of Career Development and Internships hosted the **Occupational Education Advisory Board Meeting** on Tuesday, November 12. Attendees included industry representatives, faculty, staff, administrators and student representatives.

Benjamin Ortega, Director of Learning Services for *Acquia* in Burlington shared that *Acquia* was actively seeking new employees with a strong interest in working with open source information systems. The first 12 weeks of employment were spent, with pay, in company-provided training. Great opportunity for students to explore.

RCC and our students benefit greatly from the involvement of business members and community leaders in our Occupational Education Advisory Committee. Special thanks to members and key industry representatives for their recommendations, time and effort in serving on the committee. Their input allows RCC to gain vital technical input and insight for future program planning purposes.



Occupational Education Advisory Board members sharing ideas and resources in the Great Room

Luncheons on Campus

Senior Luncheon

On Friday, Nov. 22, over 130 Senior Citizens attend the RLAC Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. They had a great time eating and dancing. It was a great success because of all of the volunteers who helped—serving the food, dancing and mingling with the Seniors and cleaning up. The organizers wish to thank all the staff and students who time out of their busy schedules to volunteer.



SGA Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Tuesday, November 26, the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life offered a special Thanksgiving luncheon for the entire campus with turkey and all the fixings. Live entertainment, poetry readings, and a raffle rounded out the lively afternoon.



See page 3 for additional photos taken at the luncheon events

RCC is Moving to Moodle 2.6

Training and Assistance

The production version of Moodle (moodle.rcc.mass.edu) will be changed from version 1.9.9 to 2.6 over the winter break. For faculty who are comfortable using Moodle already, all of the functionality you commonly use is still available in 2.6 but the user interface has changed and there are a lot of awesome new features available in Moodle 2.6 to take advantage of.

Click [here](#) to watch the “What’s New in Moodle 2.6” video. Academic Technology will offer one hour **What’s New in Moodle 2.6 sessions** at 12pm and 1pm in the Center of Academic Technology (CAT) 3-207Q on the following days:

- Mondays – 12/2, 12/9, 12/16
- Thursdays – 12/5, 12/12

There will be additional sessions offered on January 16th, 17th, and 21st. The time and location will be announced shortly.

You may also use the **Moodle 2.4* – Instructor Training** provided by **Atomic Learning**. To access this training use the information below:

- URL: <http://www.atomiclearning.com>
- Username: **your RCC email address (for example, name@rcc.mass.edu)**
- Password: **learn**

Once you are logged into Atomic Learning, search for **Moodle 2.4 – Instructor Training**. You are welcome and encouraged to contact Academic Technology staff with issues and or questions that require additional

clarification.

Faculty who have not used Moodle in the past but would like to learn Moodle 2.6, please see the previously announced training sessions for Moodle or contact Tom Macdonald at x7420 or tmacdonald@rcc.mass.edu to set up times to meet.



* There are only a few new functionality differences between 2.4 and 2.6. The new features are highlighted in the video.

Moodle Course Shell Availability

Moodle 2.6 shells will not be available automatically as they were in the past. Faculty are strongly encouraged to obtain a “Moodle Basic Level Proficiency” certificate before requesting access to course shells. To obtain a basic certificate and or request access to your official spring 2014 courses please contact Tom Macdonald at x7420 or tmacdonald@rcc.mass.edu. If you are unable to reach Tom, contact Jenene at x7439 or jcook@rcc.mass.edu.

Moving Courses from Moodle 1.9.9 to 2.6

The Academic Technology staff will backup and restore all active courses in Moodle 1.9.9 to version 2.6 over the winter break. This will be a significant undertaking so if there is a course that you do not need or want brought over please let us know ASAP.

Please contact Jenene at x7439 or jcook@rcc.mass.edu with any questions.

Professional Development

PowerPoint Graphics

PowerPoint is a robust graphic design program with comparable capabilities to expensive programs such as Photoshop and Illustrator. This workshop introduces participants to PowerPoint tools for editing and creating custom images and illustrations as well as working with layers.

WHEN: Wednesday, 12/11, 3–4pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Drop-in Training Sessions

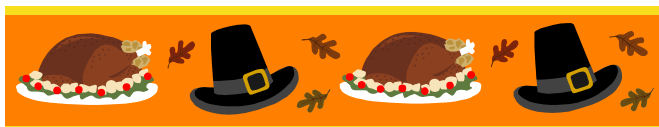
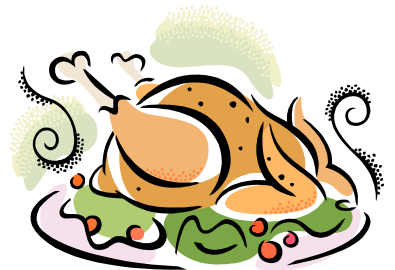
These sessions are for anyone who wants to drop in to learn more about using the technology in our learner-centered classrooms. If you want to know the basics, learn some more advanced features, or just practice using the technology, come on by!

WHEN: Wed, 12/4, 8-10am/12-2pm
WHERE: 3-207Q

Entering Final Grades in MyRCC

This workshop provides an overview of the college’s grades policy and instruction on how to enter final grades in MYRCC. Basic navigation and updating your profile will also be covered.

WHEN: 12/16—12/21
WHERE: 3-207Q



RCC Sports on BNN



BNN will air RCC's November 19th basketball games vs. Massasoit (w) and Gateway (m). They will also be on demand on their website to view at any time at www.BNNTV.org.

Please tune in, as both of our teams were victorious that evening and the games were very exciting!

RCC women will be playing LaGuardia CC on Saturday 11/30 at 1pm at the Reggie Lewis Center!

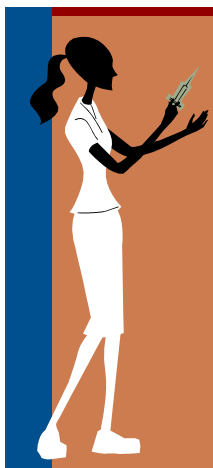
Please come out to support our student-athletes!

RCC in the Press

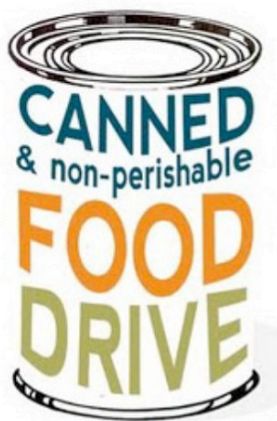
Jenene Cook and Title III were featured in a recent Press Release. Click [here](#) to read the release



Increasing Diversity for Bachelor's Prepared Nurses



RCC is collaborating with Partners Health Care (PHS) and Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of Nursing (BWH DON) in a unique workforce development project which will support RCC ADN graduates in completing their BSN degrees. PHS and BWH have agreed to provide six individual \$10,000 scholarships in this innovative scholarship and mentoring program. Once students have earned the BSN degree, they will be eligible to make the transition into BWH clinical practice.



Hosted by the
**Community
Service
Club**

Now through Christmas,
please bring in a canned
food and/or non-perishable
item to donate.



Save the Date!

**December 12: Holiday Celebration,
3pm at the Reggie**

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu